

# Homicide, 2013-2017

In 2017 an average of 53 lives were lost each day in the United States (US) due to homicide. From 2013-2017, homicide was the leading cause of death in the US and Texas among ages 15-24 years, and the fourth leading cause for ages 1-9 years. This fact sheet presents statistics describing the burden of homicide in Texas.

## Homicide Facts, Texas, 2013-2017

- The overall death rate in Texas of 5.52 per 100,000 was comparable to the US rate of 5.62 per 100,000.
- The rate of death by homicide for males in Texas was 3.4 times that of females.
- Black non-Hispanics experienced over three times the death rate of any other race/ethnicity group.
- The death rate for Black non-Hispanic males was 26.62 per 100,000, 3.5 times the death rate of males for any other race/ethnicity group.
- Firearms in Texas accounted for 71.9% of deaths by homicide. The 3.97 per 100,000 rate was comparable to the national rate of 4.09 per 100,000 for firearms.

## Notes and References

\*Counts in table category do not add up to total due to records reported with unknown/missing data.

Cases of death by homicide are based on coding from the International Classification of Diseases, Version 10 (ICD-10), including codes X85-Y09, Y87.1, U01, and U02.

Rates for homicide deaths are per 100,000 and age-adjusted to the United States 2000 standard population.

Data Source: CDC web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System (WISQARS): [www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars](http://www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars)

Texas, 2013-2017	Count	Rate
<b>Total Homicides</b>	<b>7,603</b>	<b>5.52</b>
<b>Sex</b>		
Male	5,884	8.50
Female	1,719	2.51
<b>Age Group*</b>		
0-14	417	1.37
15-24	1,817	9.10
25-44	3,403	8.62
45-64	1,577	4.95
65+	387	2.36
<b>Race/Ethnicity*</b>		
White Non-Hispanic	2,122	3.55
Black Non-Hispanic	2,671	15.27
Hispanic	2,640	4.84
Asian/Pacific Islander	135	1.97
Am Indian/AK Native	16	2.98
<b>Method*</b>		
Firearm	5,463	3.97
Cut/Pierce	660	0.48
Suffocation	225	0.16
Struck By/Against	46	0.03
Poisoning	42	0.03
Motor Vehicle	38	0.03
Fire/Burn	24	0.02
Drowning	19	0.01

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